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Year 1996-97		
1.	Kalyan Parishad, Hyder Canal, Bheri Mandi, Lucknow (U.P.)	1,20,000
2.	Bhagath Singh Youth Club, and Reading Room, Kozhikode, Kerala	32,600
3.	Sri Sanjay Prasad Singh Gramin Nigrani Samiti, Babu Tola, Saran, Bihar	30,500
4.	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Memorial Society, Debeer Pura, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh	45,500
5.	Adhivakta Janseva Sansthan, New Hyderabad, Lucknow, U.P.	30,000
	Total	2,58,600

Use of Hindi

4856. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not constituting the Hindi Advisory Committee under the Ministry;

(b) whether in the absence of non Government observer, the Chairman and the Member of Official Language Implementation Committees at all level do not use Hindi in original work themselves;

(c) whether all work is done in English since all modern equipment such as computer, telex etc. are acquired in Roman;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which Hindi Advisory Committee is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The Hindi Salahakar Samiti of the Ministry of Food has been constituted.

(b) Chairman and the Members of the Official Language Implementation Committee as far as possible do their maximum Official work in Hindi.

(c) No, Sir. All computers and telex are bilingual.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) In view of the reply of part (a), question does not arise.

Leopards

4857. SHRI SATYAJIT SINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report of Traffic India captioned "Leopards facing extinction" appearing in the 'Statesman' of April 8, 1997 stating that Leopards are moving towards extinction even faster then the Indian Tigers;

(b) whether seizures of parts and skins of leopards and tigers show poaching of five leopards against one tiger; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to protect these endangered species?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. But the reported number of leopard skins seized does not mean that all those leopards have been killed during the same period. It was infact special measures taken by the Central and State Governments, which resulted in increased detection of wildlife offences and the stock of earlier killings were also detected during this period.

(c) The step taken by the Government to protect these endangered species is given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

(i) Hunting of wild animals included in Schedules I to IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, has been banned by law.

(ii) Special measures for protection and conservation of tiger, elephants and rhinos and their habitat are being implemented.

(iii) A network of 441 Wildlife Sanctuaries and 80 National Parks covering 1,48,000 sq. km. has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna. The Govt. of India have also launched the "Project Tiger" and "Project Elephant" in the years 1973 and 1991 respectively to give impetus to the conservation of these wild animals. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government under various centrally sponsored plan schemes, including the Project Tiger and Project Elephant Schemes, and for development of National Parks and Sanctuaries on request from the State Governments.

(iv) Raids are carried out by the wildlife, authorities, whenever information of illegal trading in wildlife animals reaches them.

(v) International Trade in Endangered Species of animals and articles made thereof is regulated under, the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The trade in ivory is totally banned.

(vi) Regional and Sub-regional offices of Wildlife Preservation have been set up mostly at the main export centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wildlife products.

(vii) Inter-departmental coordination has been enhanced with other enforcement organisations like Police, BSF, Customs, ITBP, Coast Guards etc. Training programmes on wildlife enforcement and implementation were also conducted for all these, organisations at New Delhi and Dehradun during, 1995.

(viii) A "Tiger Crisis Cell" has been set up in the Ministry to suggest improvement in the management of tiger bearing areas of the country.

(ix) The State Government have been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensify patrolling.

(x) Steps are being initiated to set up "Special Strike Force" in the Project Tiger areas.

(xi) A Protocol has been signed with the Govt. of Peoples Republic of China to coordinate bilateral issues concerning tiger conservation and to check smuggling and the illegal trade of tiger bones and other parts of its body. and

(xii) Steps have been initiated by the Government to establish the 'Global Tiger Forum' for strengthening international cooperation to curb poaching to tiger and to coordinate efforts for the conservation of tiger and its habitat throughout the tiger range countries.

[Translation]

Pollution by Denting, Painting etc. of Vehicles

4858. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are laying emphasis on having compulsory Pollution Under Check Certificate for the vehicles and on the other hand the permission is being given to carry on industrial work of repairs of these vehicles such as denting painting and welding etc. in the residential areas;

(b) whether causing sharp noise through dening of vehicles by stationing them in the open on the road in the residential areas and to spread air pollution by spraying colours on the vehicles is a legal offences; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to stop such illegal works?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) and (b) Pollution Under Control Certificate have to be obtained by all vehicles in Delhi. Under the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, all polluting units are required to obtain consent from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. Delhi Pollution Control Committee is not issuing "Consent to Operate" to vehicles repairing units. Such industries are not permitted to operate in the residential areas of Delhi as per the provisions of Master Plan of Delhi 2001.

(c) In pursuance of the orders of the Supreme Court, Government of Delhi have directed units operating in residential areas to relocate to industrial areas. Large number of non-conforming units have applied for plots in industrial areas. Govt. of Delhi is making efforts to provide plots to such units.

[English]

Over-stay by Pakistanis

4859. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistanis staying in the country after expiry of their Visas as on March, 31, 1997; and

(b) the steps taken to deport them to their home country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) According to information available, 11005 Pak nationals were reported to be overstaying in the country as on December 31, 1996. Information as on March 31, 1997 is not readily available.

(b) Admission, stay, control and movement of foreigners in India is governed by the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920; Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 and Foreigners Act, 1946 and the rules and orders framed thereunder. Powers of the Central Government under these enactments have been entrusted to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. These powers include, *inter alia*, the power to detect and deport foreign nationals residing illegally in the country. The Central Government has also been issuing instructions to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, from time to time, to launch special drives for detection and deportation of foreigners residing in the country illegally.

[Translation]

TPDS in Chandigarh

4860. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: